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SUBJ: 1974 ITU MARITIME WARC DISCUSSIONS BY IMCO

SUBCOMMITTEE ON RADIOCOMMUNICATIONS

AS ANTICIPATED, PREPARATION FOR THE 1974 IT/UMARITIME WARC WAS THE PRINCIPAL ITEM OF DISCUSSION AT THE IMCO SUBCOMMITTEE ON RADIOCOMMUNICATIONS MEETING THAT ENDED AFTERNOON DECEMBER 14. DELEGATIONS FROM TWENTY-THREE COUNTRIES WERE PRESENT PLUS FIVE OBSERVER AGENCIES. SINCE MOST COUNTRIES HAVE ALREADY SUBMITTED PROPOSALS TO ITU SECRETARY GENERAL, DISCUSSIONS WERE IN THE NATURE OF EXCHANGES OF VIEWS RATHER THAN AIMED AT NEGOTIATING AGREEMENTS WHICH WAS DEEMED THE FUNCTION OF THE MARITIME WARC. ALSO ACCOUNT WAS TAKEN OF ACTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS TAKEN BY IMCO TO DATE ON MATTERS PERTINENT TO AGENDA ITEMS OF THE 1974 MARITIME WARC. THE US DELEGATION PROVIDED THE CHAIRMAN AND THREE MEMBERS TO AN INTERNATIONAL WORKING GROUP THAT PREPARED A RECOMMENDATION TO IMCO MEMBER GOVERNMENTS WHEN PREPARING THEIR NATIONAL POSITIONS FOR THE MARITIME WARC AND IN THE COURSE OF NEGOTIATIONS AT THAT CONFERENCE THE FOREGOING VIEWS AND IMCO ACTIONS/RESOLUTIONS

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BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT. THE RECOMMENDATION SPEAKS

TO TWENTY ITEMS OF THE MARITIME WARC AGENDA, ALL
RELATED IN SOME WAY TO MARITIME SAFETY. ISSUES SUCH
AS REARRANGEMENT OF APPENDIX 15 AND REDRAFTING
APPENDIX 25 NOT TAKEN UP AS OUTSIDE IMCO PURVIEW.
FOLLOWING RECAPS ITEMS OF PARTICULAR INTEREST:

A. CONSENSUS SUPPORTS GENERAL PROVISIONS US PROPOSALS
FOR IMPROVING MARITIME DISTRESS AND SAFETY COMMUNICA-
TIONS.

B. WHILE THERE IS A BROAD CONSENSUS SUPPORTING
SEVERAL TECHNICAL AND OPERATIONAL DETAILS INHERENT IN
THE SSFC SELECTIVE CALLING SYSTEM, THERE WAS ALSO
SUPPORT FOR OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS THAT WOULD BE
BEST MET BY A DIGITAL SELECTIVE CALLING SYSTEM.

C. THERE IS STRONG SUPPORT FOR DESIGNATING IN THE RADIO
REGULATIONS COMMON MARITIME SCENE-OF-ACTION
FREQUENCIES OTHER THAN 500 AND 2182 KHZ FOR SURFACE
CRAFT, AIRCRAFT, AND PARTICIPATING LAND STATIONS,
AS WELL AS 3023.5, 5680, 121.5 MHZ, 123.1 MHZ FOR USE
BETWEEN AIRCRAFT AND SURFACE.

D. THERE IS STRONG SUPPORT FOR MAKING BETTER
PROVISIONS IN THE RADIO REGULATIONS FOR AUTO-ALARMS
AND SPECIAL ALERTING SIGNALS.

E. PROVISIONS IN THE RADIO REGULATIONS FOR THE USE
OF VHF ENCOUNTERED A DIVERGENCE OF VIEWS, PARTICULARLY
IN THE AREA OF 25 KHZ CHANNELING. SUBJECT WAS LEFT
FOR CONSIDERATION AT WARC WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT
DECISIONS WOULD HAVE TO BE MADE THERE.

F. CONSENSUS WAS FOR RETENTION OF A3 AND A3H ON
2182 KHZ. US PROPOSALS TO CONVERT 2182 KHZ TO A3A AND
A3J HAS LIMITED SUPPORT, BUT ONLY ON LONG TERM BASIS.
LONG DELIBERATION DEVELOPED VIEW THAT IMCO MEMBERS WOULD
NOT PREVENT US FROM MAKING THE CONVERSION PROVIDED
WORLDWIDE USE 2182 KHZ NOT JEOPARDIZED.

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G. LENGTHY DISCUSSION OF RADIODETERMINATION INDICATED
SUPPORT FOR US PROPOSALS FOR CCIR TECHNICAL STUDY
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HAVE TO BE IDENTIFIED. AS REGARDS EUROPEAN PROPOSALS
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NEW SUBJECT. USSR DELEGATION PROVIDED CHAIRMAN //US
DELEGATION WITH COPY OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEXT OF USSR
PROPOSALS TO WARC. INFORMAL DISCUSSION REAFFIRMED
THEIR WISH TO COORDINATE WITH USA IN ADVANCE OF THE
WARC AND THAT CCIR MEETING IN FEBRUARY OFFERED THIS
OPPORTUNITY. /USA SUGGESTION OF A POSSIBLE US/USSR
MEETING IN GENEVA A DAY OR TWO IN ADVANCE OF THE CCIR
MEETING WAS WELL RECEIVED. ALSO ADVISED THAT BADALOV
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WOULD BE HEADING USSR DELEGATION TO WARC AND THAT
SCHEPOTEN WOULD HEAD THEIR DELEGATION TO CCIR.
NEW SUBJECT. OTHER INFORMAL DISCUSSION INDICATED CAPT.
WINKELMAN WOULD HEAD NETHERLANDS DELEGATION TO WARC AND
THAT DR. ZICKWOLFF WOULD HEAD GERMAN DELEGATION. HAGA
WILL PROBABLY HEAD NORWAY DELEGATION WITH MORTENSON
PARTICIPATING ONLY SHORT TIME.

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